

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 186

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lori Wilhoit upon receiving the 2017 Belz-Lipman Holocaust Educator Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body should recognize those Tennesseans who commit their time to studying the Holocaust and sharing their knowledge with their students and the public in order to honor the memory of the six million Jewish people who died by genocide and to help ensure that these human atrocities will never be repeated again; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding Tennessean is Lori Wilhoit, who has been recognized by the Tennessee Holocaust Commission as one of the winners of the 2017 Belz-Lipman Holocaust Educator Award; and

WHEREAS, an educator for seventeen years, Ms. Wilhoit has spent the past seven years teaching tenth grade English Language Arts at South Greene High School; and

WHEREAS, passionate about teaching the Holocaust, Ms. Wilhoit hopes to ignite in her students the same passion so that they will recognize the importance of standing up against atrocities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wilhoit has said, "My hope is to inspire my students to make a difference in their world every single day and to spread awareness to future generations."; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly created the Tennessee Holocaust Commission to promote remembrance and inspire education about the Holocaust among all citizens; and

WHEREAS, the history of the Holocaust offers us the opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies, and governments; and

WHEREAS, this body is gratified that Tennessee's educators are committed to teaching their students about the past, so that present and future generations will never experience horrors such as those perpetrated during the Holocaust; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Lori Wilhoit upon receiving the 2017 Belz-Lipman Holocaust Educator Award and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.